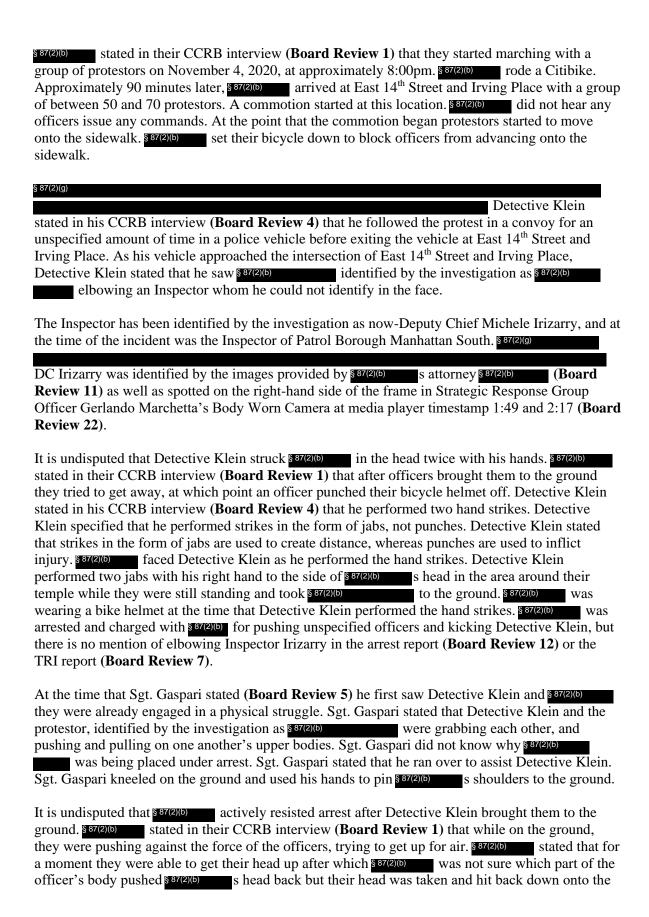
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Add	ress					
Witness(es)		Home Add	ress					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. DT2 Robert Klein	02872	936874	DB BXHM					
2. SGT William Gaspari	01310	941799	SRG 3					
3. PO Dynel Powell	09095	940544	SRG 3					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. CPT Julio Delgado	00000	918927	SRG 2					
2. PO Christopher Foley	08327	955029	SRG 1					
3. DI James Mcgeown	00000	889041	SRG					
4. SGT Beatrice Shafidiya	04079	939456	SRG 3					
5. DT3 Keri Preikschat	04522	930747	NARCBBX					
6. SGT Jaline Bernier	05051	938061	PBMS					
7. SGT DS Dunia Palacios	05307	940543	NBBX MAJOR					
8. CPT Chase Maneri	00000	945948	NBBX MAJOR					
9. SGT Paul Oconnor	02021	942285	NBBX MAJOR					
10. DT3 Nicholas Levesque	06682	944736	NBBX MAJOR					
11. PO Widny Cylet	25349	942703	SRG 3					
12. DI Andrew Ventrella	00000	896907	SRG					
13. INSP Thomas Connolly	00000	883265	PBMS					
14. INSP John Corbisiero	00000	885437	PBMS					
15. SGT Nicole Monaco	02977	953127	DBMS					
16. Steven Hong	08345	960677	SRG 3					
17. PO Robert Lee	22882	964112	009 PCT					
18. LT Christopher Carlsen	00000	947998	SRG 3					
19. PO David Bowman	16034	944015	009 PCT					
20. PO Gerlando Marchetta	24596	962573	SRG 3					

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name	
21. DC Michele Irizarry	00000	915113	TRN BUR	
Officer(s)	Allegation			Investigator Recommendation
A.DT2 Robert Klein	Force: Detecti § 87(2)(b)	ive Robert Kleir	n used physical force against	
B.DT2 Robert Klein	Force: Detecti	ive Robert Kleir	n used physical force against	
C.SGT William Gaspari	Force: Sergea § 87(2)(b)	nt William Gas _l	pari used physical force against	
D.SGT William Gaspari	Force: Sergea § 87(2)(b)	nt William Gas _l	pari used physical force against	
E.DT2 Robert Klein	Force: Detection breathing.	ive Robert Kleir	n restricted § 87(2)(b) s	
F.SGT William Gaspari	Force: Sergea s breat		pari restricted § 87(2)(b)	
G.DT2 Robert Klein	Discourtesy: I	Detective Rober	t Klein spoke discourteously to	
H.DT2 Robert Klein	Force: Detecti	ive Robert Kleir	n used a chokehold against	
I.DT2 Robert Klein	Force: Detection breathing.	ive Robert Kleir	n restricted § 87(2)(b) s	
J.DT2 Robert Klein	Off. Language on § 87(2)(b)		pert Klein made remarks based identity.	
K.PO Dynel Powell	Off. Language based on § 87(2)		Dynel Powell made remarks gender identity.	
L.DT2 Robert Klein	Abuse: An off	ficer took a phot	tograph of § 87(2)(b)	

Case Summary

The CCRB received this complaint filed by § 87(2)(b) via the website on March 22, 2021. § 87(2)(b) On November 4, 2020, at approximately 8:00pm, §87(2)(b) ioined a protest against police brutality and marched from 59th Street towards Union Square in Manhattan. At approximately 9:30pm, at the intersection of East 14th Street and Irving Place, the protest became disorderly in front of the Wells Fargo Bank located at 104 East 14th Street, and multiple people were placed under arrest. § 37(2)(b) was riding a Citibike and held the Citibike out to protect protestors from officers rushing onto the sidewalk. [887(2)(b) allegedly struck then-Inspector Michele Irizarry in the face with their elbow. In response to seeing this, Detective Robert Klein of Bronx Homocide approached \$87(2)(b) struck them in the face twice, and took them to the). § 87(2)(b) proceeded to flail and struggle ground (Allegations A, B: Force, § 87(2)(9) with Detective Klein. In response to seeing this, Sgt. William Gaspari of the Strategic Response Group approached the detective and \$87(2)(b) and pushed them to the ground, and pinned them by the shoulders (Allegations C, D: Force, §87(2)(9)). At this point, Sgt. Gaspari and Detective Klein allegedly placed their legs on \$87(2)(b) s back and head, at which point \$87(2)(b) had trouble breathing and told officers that they could not breathe (Allegations E, F: Force, § 87(2)(b) was eventually placed into handcuffs and walked to a prisoner transport vehicle with Detective Klein and Sergeant Dunia Palacios of Bronx Narcotics. At one point on the way there, Detective Klein stated to §37(2)(b) "Fucking relax" (Allegation G: Discourtesy, § 87(2)(g)). They continued to walk, and Detective Klein allegedly placed his hand around § 87(2)(b) s neck causing bones to crack (Allegations H, I: Force, §87(2)(9) Detective Klein continued to walk § 87(2)(b) to the prisoner transport vehicle, at which point he and Police Officer Dynel Powell of the Strategic Response Group asked \$87(2)(b) if they were male or female, to which they responded that they did not know and identified as non-binary. The officers continued to ask if they were male or female multiple times despite their answer (Allegations J, K: Offensive Language, \$87(2)(9) . \$87(2)(6) kicked Detective Klein in the shin. §87(2)(b) was then escorted into a prisoner transport vehicle and take to a Mass Arrest Processing Center, where Detective Klein took a photograph of them on his department phone (Allegation L: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(9) did not receive medical treatment at the time of the incident. § 87(2)(b) did sustain injuries as a result of the incident, including an abrasion on their head, bruising on their legs, and nerve damage to their thumb (Board Review 11). \$87(2)(b) was arrested on charges of \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 12). [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)] This incident is captured on protestor § 87(2)(b) s own Body Worn Camera footage (Board Review 9). The incident is also captured on Sgt. Gaspari and PO Foley's Body Worn Camera Footage (Board Review 8). **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Force: Detective Robert Klein used physical force against \$27(2)(5) Allegation (B) Force: Detective Robert Klein used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation (C) Force: Sergeant William Gaspari used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation (D) Force: Sergeant William Gaspari used physical force against 887(2)(6)



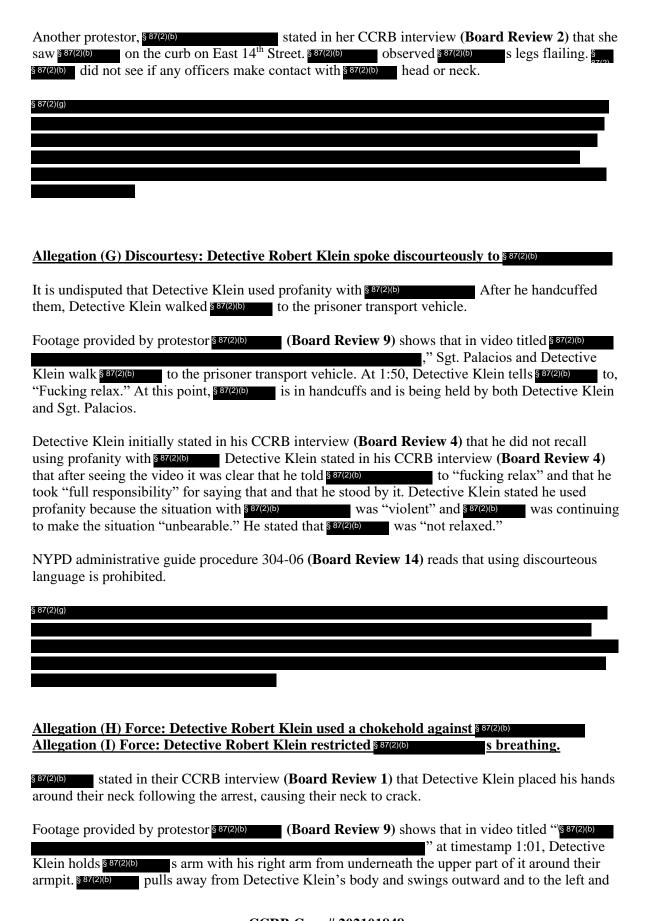
ground.

Sgt. Gaspari of the Strategic Response Group documented in the TRI report he prepared (Board Review 7) that he observed Detective Klein attempting to place \$87(2)(0) under arrest. Sgt. Gaspari noted that \$87(2)(0) actively resisted, and Detective Klein subsequently effected a forcible takedown. Sgt Gaspari assisted Del Klein in the takedown of the subject. Sgt. Gaspari notes in the TRI that \$87(2)(0) refused to place their arms behind their back and continued to resist by means of "flailing and body movements." Sgt. Gaspari stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 5) that \$87(2)(0) was "riling around," constantly moving around in what seemed like an attempt to get up off the ground. \$87(2)(0) was moving their upper body and pushing up against Sgt. Gaspari.Sgt. Gaspari's Body Worn Camera footage (Board Review 8) shows that at media player timestamp 1:23, as he pins \$87(2)(0) s s shoulders to the ground, they rear their head and shoulders up, and Sgt. Gaspari and Detective Klein both push \$87(2)(0) back down to the ground.
Witness and fellow protestor \$87(2)(b) stated in her CCRB interview (Board Review 3) that she saw \$87(2)(b) s legs flailing as she was taken to the ground by officers.
In civilian video provided by §87(2)(b) (Board Review 9) titled §87(2)(b)
", the video shows that at media player timestamp 00:09 Detective Klein takes \$57(2)(b) to the ground and he strikes them twice with his hand. Sgt. Gaspari joins Detective Klein at timestamp 00:14. The video (Board Review 9) shows that right before Detective Klein strikes \$57(2)(b) \$57(2)(b) and DC Irizarry are engaged in a physical struggle where DC Irizarry appears to be pulling \$57(2)(b) by their shoulders. At this point, Detective Klein enters the frame and jabs \$57(2)(b) twice on the side of the head. Detective Klein stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 4) the type of hand strikes he performed were "jabs," which he stated are for the purpose of creating distance between officers and subjects, and not intended to cause injury. \$57(2)(b) is wearing their bike helmet prior to the jabs, and the helmet comes off as a result of the jabs. Detective Klein does not proceed to strike \$57(2)(b) after the helmet comes off.
Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 (Board Review 15) outlines the force guidelines to be used by members of the NYPD. One of the key eleven factors considered is whether the subject is trying to actively resist custody.
NYPD PG Procedure 221-03 (Board Review 24) designates hand strikes as Level 1 force.
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Allegation (E) Force: Detective Robert Klein restricted \$87(2)(b) s breathing. Allegation (F) Force: Sergeant William Gaspari restricted \$87(2)(b) s breathing.
It is undisputed that \$87(2)(b) told officers that they could not breathe, \$87(2)(9)
alleged in their CCRB interview (Board Review 1) that an officer placed a knee on their head and they started to struggle to breathe. Sa7(2)(b) stated that they tried to breathe and told officers multiple times, "I can't breathe" for a duration of one to one and a half minutes.
Sgt. Gaspari stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 5) that no officers were ever on stating stated that they were having trouble breathing Sgt. Gaspari stated that no officers were obstructing stated that the only contact he made with stating was with his hands to pin down their shoulders.
Detective Klein stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 4) that he did not see any officers making contact with \$87(2)(0) s back or the back of their neck. In response to hearing that could not breathe, Detective Klein continued to try to get control of \$87(2)(0) s hands. Detective Klein stated that he thought \$87(2)(0) using the words "I can't breathe" was a use of "buzz words." Detective Klein then stated to \$87(2)(0) "No one's touching your neck. What are you talking about? Relax."
Civilian video provided by \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 9) titled "\\$87(2)(b)
Klein takes \$87(2)(b) to the ground and handcuffs them, at 1:51 he straddles \$87(2)(b) with his legs. At this point, both of his knees are on the ground. \$87(2)(b) faces Detective Klein on their back. Detective Klein's right knee is on the ground on the outside of \$87(2)(b) s left hip and his left knee is between their legs.
PO Bowman stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 20) he did not recall any members of service placing their knees on any protestors' heads. PO Bowman did not recall any members of service placing their hands around any protesters' necks. PO Bowman was not familiar with Detective Klein. PO Foley of the Strategic Response Group stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 21) he did not know of any officers making contact with sometimes of service necks. PO Lee of the 9 th Precinct, stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 18) that he did not hear any of the protester's state that they were unable to breathe. Sgt. Palacios of Bronx Narcotics stated in her CCRB interview (Board Review 16) that she was not aware of any instances of Detective Klein restricting strategies of Services any officers on services stated in her CCRB interview that she did not witness any officers on services of searching. Sgt. Palacios stated in her CCRB interview that she did not witness any officers on services and not remember any civilians complaining of any injuries or stating that they were having trouble breathing.
A fellow protestor, \$87(2)(b) stated in her CCRB interview (Board Review that she saw officers kneeling on \$87(2)(b) and an officer had a hand on \$67(2)(b) shead. She stated that the rest of \$67(2)(b) should be shown obstructed because it was "covered" in officers.

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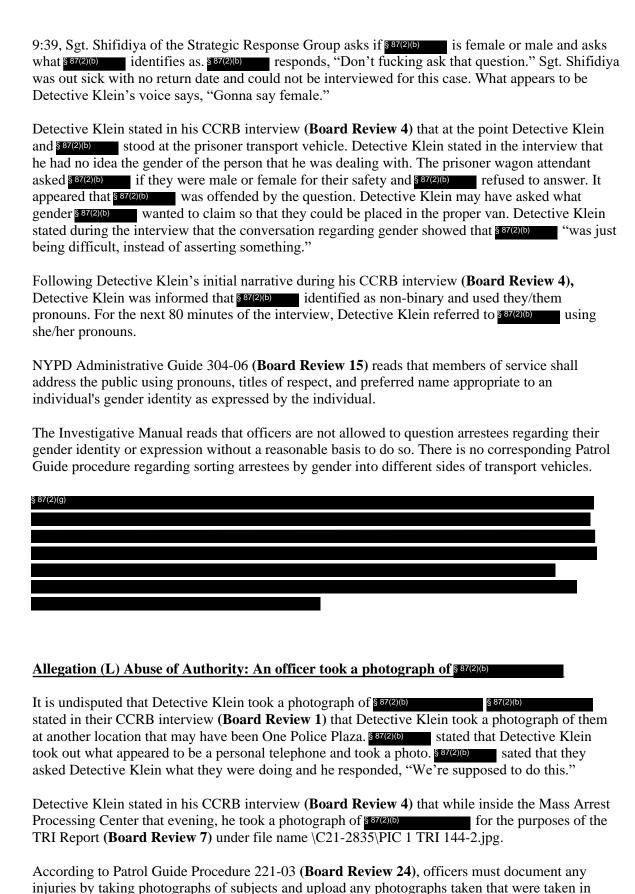


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right. At 1:04, Detective Klein places his left arm on \$87(2)(b) support chest towards their neck. At timestamp 1:05, \$37(2)(5) makes multiple statements to Detective Klein including "You fucking baby. Choke me again. Fucking choke me again." Detective Klein stated in his CCRB interview (Board Review 4) that no one choked [807(2)(b)] that no pressure was applied to their neck or windpipe area. Detective Klein stated that he never touched the front of §87(2)(b) s neck with his other hand. Sgt. Palacios stated in her CCRB interview (Board Review 16) that she was never made aware of Detective Klein making contact with \$87(2)(b) s neck. Detective Klein did not choke in Sgt. Palacios' presence. stated in her CCRB interview (Board Review 3) that after \$37(2)(b) was placed under arrest and officer brought them to their feet, an officer identified by the investigation pushed § 87(2)(b) backwards with his hand on their neck. The NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 (Board Review 15) defines a chokehold as something that shall include, but is not limited to, any pressure to the throat or windpipe, which may prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air. Allegation (J) Offensive Language: Detective Robert Klein made remarks based on § 87(2)(b) s gender identity. Allegation (K) Offensive Language: Police Officer DYNEL POWELL made remarks based on § 87(2)(b) s gender identity. stated in their CCRB interview (Board Review 1) that as they were about to enter the police transport vehicle after being placed under arrest, an officer asked them if they were male or female. § 87(2)(b) explained that they identified as non-binary. § 87(2)(b) stated that during this conversation, a protester behind § 37(2)(b) said, "Is that seriously how you're gonna ask that question?" \$87(2)(6) did not respond so one of the officers looked at them longer and said, "Okay. Female." Or "We'll go with female." PO Dynel Powell, the officer assigned to operate the prisoner transport vehicle at the location of the incident, stated in his CCRB Interview (Board Review 19) that he did not recall asking \$87(2)(b) if they were male or female. PO Powell stated that he would not typically ask arrestees their gender but has done so for the purpose of separating males to one side of the prisoner transport vehicle and females to the other. PO Powell did not recall asking \$87(2)(b) particular instance. PO Powell can be seen on PO Foley's Body Worn Camera (Board Review 8) sorting arrestees outside of the prisoner transport vehicle. At timestamp 8:18, PO Powell moves one arrestee to his right. At 8:30, PO Powell approaches 887(2)(5) and asks, "Male or female?" He asks a second time. At 8:36, he waves over the next arrestee.

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Later in PO Foley's Body Worn camera recording (**Board Review 8**), at media player timestamp



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